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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (presently amended) A computer-assisted method of facilitating a transfer of purchases to consumers, the method comprising:

on a computer system, for each of a plurality of consumers, associating a plurality of items with each other, wherein each of the items is ordered by the consumer from a different one of a plurality of merchants;

for each consumer, receiving the associated items at a single geographic location;

for each consumer, based at least on the association of the items on the computer system, physically aggregating the items at the location; and

for each consumer, transferring the aggregated items to the consumer.

2. (previously amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein each of the purchased items is a product or comprises one or more products.

3. (previously amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising

on the computer system, for each consumer, receiving notification of a pending delivery of at least one of the items to the location.

4. (previously amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising

using the computer system, for each consumer, notifying the consumer that some or all of the plurality of items have been received at the location.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein transferring the aggregated items to the consumer comprises sending the items to the consumer from the location.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (presently amended) The method of Claim 187, wherein the selected geographic location is an order aggregation site.

10. (previously amended) The method of Claim 9, further comprising

providing an identification of the items to the order aggregation site.

11. (previously amended) The method of Claim 9, further comprising

instructing the order aggregation site to aggregate the items.

12. (original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising

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instructing the order aggregation site to transfer the aggregated items to the consumer.

13. (original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising
instructing the order aggregation site to deliver the aggregated items to the consumer.

14. (original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising
instructing a delivery service to pick up the aggregated items at the order aggregation site and to deliver the aggregated items to the consumer.

15. (canceled)

16. (presently amended) The method of Claim 17, further comprising
instructing the consumer to receive the items at the selected geographic location.

17. (original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising
receiving from the consumer, an identification of a time at which the consumer will expect to receive the items.

18. (previously amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising, for each consumer:
presenting to the consumer at least one geographic location at which the consumer can receive the items;

obtaining from the consumer a selection of one of the geographic locations; and
notifying the merchants of the identity of the geographic location selected by the consumer.

19. (canceled)

20. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of items are associated with each other indirectly through an association of each item with the consumer.

21. (new) The method of Claim 1, further comprising, for each consumer:
identifying a time for transferring the plurality of items to the consumer; and
for each of the plurality of items, scheduling shipping of the item to the location based on the identified time for transfer.

22. (new) The method of Claim 21, further comprising, for each of the plurality of items, estimating a transportation time for the item to be transported to the location, wherein the scheduling of the shipping of the item to the location is further based on the estimated transportation time.